

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 13-18 and 28-36 are pending in this Application.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claim 3 and claim 8 has been amended to include the subject matter of cancelled claim 12. Cancellation of claims 3 and 12 is done without prejudice and no new matter has been added to claims 1 and 8 by the proposed amendments.

Examiner Interview:

On July 27, 2005 the Attorneys for the Applicant, David Powsner and Jeffrey Duquette, conducted an interview with Examiner Tabatabai to discuss the status of the pending claims in the present case. During the course of the interview, the Attorneys suggested that amending claim 1 with dependent claim 3 and amending claim 8 with dependent claim 12 would facilitate prosecution of the application. The Examiner indicated that he would withdraw the rejection to the claims based on the Csipkes and Peters references and that another search might have to be performed.

Conclusion

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is patentable. Applicant therefore kindly requests consideration of all claims in light of the above remarks and allowance thereof.

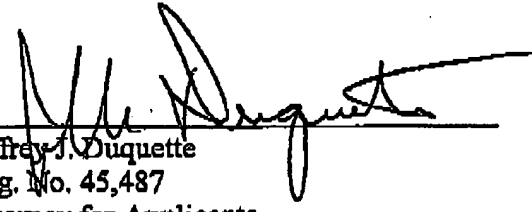
Applicants hereby petition for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 141449.

The Examiner is also kindly requested to contact the undersigned if such would expedite examination and allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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